

## Michael Hart

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**From:** Anne Honhart <ahonhart@atlaswelding.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2013 3:57 PM  
**To:** Michael Hart  
**Subject:** In opposition of allowing bear cub handling by the public SB 48

Dear Michael Hart,

Please pass this along to the Agricultural Committee members before their meeting tomorrow.

Thank you,

Anne Honhart

January 30, 2013

TO: Members of the Agriculture Committee

RE: Handling of bear cubs up to 36 weeks and 90 pounds.

Dear members of the Senate Agriculture Committee,

Even though this bill was introduced last year, the same reasons for opposing it apply.

1. It weakens the Large Carnivore Act that protects the safety of the public and the welfare of the carnivores.
2. It encourages others to acquire bear cubs and then more bears are held in captivity.
3. Older bears that are not so cute and cuddly will live out their lives in often substandard & unhealthy environments or possibly be sold for slaughter or hunting purposes.

If in fact you are writing this legislation to benefit Oswald's Bear Ranch, why don't you just find some way for him to operate under the guidance of one of the major zoos. When he chooses to retire, then that will be the end of it and you won't have to be opening the door for other less reputable bear "ranches" to operate.

If you pass this legislation, you are welcoming more captivity and most likely more misery. Please think this through again. There has got to be a better way than altering the Large Carnivore Act which has worked well for the last decade.

Thank you,

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